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Dear Sir:

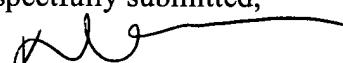
Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of three months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2002 from August 7, 2002, up to and including November 7, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$260.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. A petition for extension of time for two months was previously filed and paid for on October 4, 2002, making the balance due for one extra month \$260.00.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1560. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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